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***Town Council Meeting  
Hardin Hall, 18 W Fourth Street, Blades, DE  
7:00PM  
August 12, 2019***

Present: Mayor John Reiss, Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield, Councilor Michael J. Smith, Councilor Ashley Hudson, Councilor Donald Trice, Councilor Russell Joseph and Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

Meeting Opened at 7:00 pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the July 8, 2019, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilor Donald Trice; seconded by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield; Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield - Yes, Councilor Michael J. Smith - Yes, Councilor Ashley Hudson - Yes, Councilor Donald Trice – Yes. Councilor Russell Joseph- Yes. Carried.

Police Report – Submitted by Police Chief Paul Anthony; read by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Minutes submitted in writing by David McAdams.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell; read by Councilor Trice. A two week extension has been given for the dumpsters delivered to two addresses, so the residents can clean up trash.
- Water report - Submitted by Water Supervisor, Brandon Slater; read by Councilor Hudson. Water extension across the highway is on hold waiting for easements to be processed. Water tower painting project will commence once Verizon is able to move their equipment currently installed on the tower.
- Streets – Councilor Joseph noted we are waiting for bids to continue moving forward with paving projects.
- Parks & Cemeteries- There were 5 park rentals during the month of July. Blades Night Out in the Park is to be held August 6, 2019 from 6pm-8pm. Report submitted by Councilor Smith.
- Police Report – Report in writing by Chief Anthony; read by Chief Anthony.
- Mayor's Report – Read by Mayor Reiss.



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Town Administrator Report – Report in writing and submitted verbally by Town Administrator Lisa Marks. We continue fine tuning QuickBooks, so we can utilize every option to its highest capabilities.

❖ New Business:

- Ordinance changes: Second Reading Ordinance 420B-B-Business Licensing Fees – Read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.
- Ordinance changes: Second Reading Ordinance 411-Water Rates and Penalties – Read by Water Commission Ashley Hudson
- Adoption of new Ordinances tabled for Workshop discussion.

❖ Good of the Community:

- Will the Blades Police Department be hiring a new officer? Yes
- Update on the process of the Nanticoke Dry Cleaners? Still going through the soil testing process.
- Citizen concern for Hardin Hall structural soundness. The Town will have a contractor and/or engineer assess the structure and give recommendations.

Executive session called by Mayor Reiss 8 p.m.

Executive session ended 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Reiss closed the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Raines  
Town Clerk